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Crutchfield Dermatology Reports NO use, EVER, of Steroids, Cardiac or Ophthalmologic Medications Manufactured by New England Compounding Pharmacy

FDA and Crutchfield Dermatology Alert

Eagan-Minneapolis, MN- October 16, 2012-Recently, the media has reported that certain products manufactured by New England Compounding Center (NECC) were contaminated with a fungus. These medicines (steroids) were injected into the spine of certain patients around the country and linked to meningitis leading in certain cases to patient death. The FDA also has concerns with cardiac and ophthalmologic medications produced by NECC. NECC produces over 2,000 different products, used by over 120 different clinics and hospitals in Minnesota, alone.

While Crutchfield Dermatology has purchased products from NECC, we want our patients to know that we **HAVE NEVER and DO NOT** use any **STEROIDS, cardiac or Ophthalmologic preparations from NECC**. We have had no patient problems and are cooperating fully with FDA and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) in this tragic matter and will provide timely updates.

In summary, if you have ever had any steroid injection at Crutchfield Dermatology, it was not manufactured by NECC or in any way connected to the concerns cited by the FDA and MDH.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those impacted by this heartbreaking situation. At Crutchfield Dermatology, patient safety is always our primary concern.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at 651-209-3640. For additional information please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/outbreaks/meningitis.html>

FDA has released a patient notification letter found on the FDA "Update on Fungal Meningitis" webpage under the "Related Information" section. <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm322734.htm>

FDA Finds More Contaminated Products At NECC

<http://mailview.bulletinhealthcare.com/mailview.aspx?m=2012110201ama&r=5717457-5dad>

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